

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A windshield wiper assembly, comprising:
at least one elongate tubular frame member, and
a plurality of pivot mechanisms, each pivot mechanism having
a flange portion having an open surface for mounting to an exterior
surface of the tubular frame member and
a pin mounting portion defining a sleeve for receiving a pin inserted
therethrough, the open surface being between the pin mounting portion and the tubular
frame member, and
a retaining assembly for retaining the pivot mechanisms to the tubular frame
member.
2. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 1, wherein said open
surface is arcuate in cross section to substantially conform to the outside diameter of the
elongate tubular frame member.
3. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 2, wherein said open
surface includes elongate ribs, having an edge for gripping the outer surface of said
elongate tubular frame member.

4. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 2, wherein said flange portion is generally rectangular in configuration, where said arcuate open surface is configured on an elongate surface of said rectangular shape.

5. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 4, wherein said pin mounting portion is configured transversely to said elongate surface of said rectangular shape.

6. (Currently amended) ~~The windshield wiper assembly of claim 2,~~ A windshield wiper assembly, comprising:

at least one elongate tubular frame member, and
a plurality of pivot mechanisms, each pivot mechanism having
a flange portion having an open surface for mounting to an exterior
surface of the tubular frame member and
a pin mounting portion, and
a retaining assembly for retaining the pivot mechanisms to the tubular frame member;

wherein said open surface is arcuate in cross section to substantially conform to the outside diameter of the elongate tubular frame member; and

wherein said ~~clamp~~ retaining assembly is comprised of at least one clip portion which surrounds said elongate tubular frame member and said pivot mechanism, retaining them together.

7. (Currently amended) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 6, wherein said ~~clamp~~ retaining assembly is comprised of two clip portions, which flank said pin mounting portion, and which circumscribe the combination of said elongate tubular frame member and said pivot mechanism.

8. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 7, wherein said pivot mechanism, on a face opposite said arcuate open surface, has indentations, and said two clip portions have free ends which are crimped into said indentations.

9. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 8, further comprising piercing pins extending through said flange portion and extend into said elongate tubular frame member.

10. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 9, wherein said elongate tubular frame member includes mounting members to mount said assembly.

11. (Original) The windshield wiper assembly of claim 10, wherein said mounting members are defined by a portion of said elongate tubular frame member, flattened and formed with an aperture therethrough.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

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18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)